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--26. (2X Amended) A method of promoting the regression of vascular lesions, comprising introducing into a vascular cell an amount of a composition of matter comprising an antisense oligonucleotide comprising consecutive nucleotides, the nucleotide sequence of which is set forth in one of SEQ ID NOS:1 and 3-13, effective to reduce the levels of bcl-xL protein produced, thereby promoting the regression of vascular lesions, wherein one or more sugar of the oligonucleotide contain an -OMe group at its 2' position. --

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--28. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising an antisense oligonucleotide comprising consecutive nucleotides, the nucleotide sequence of which is set forth in one of SEQ ID NOS:1 and 3-13, wherein one or more sugar of the oligonucleotide is modified at its 2' position. --

Please add new claims 63, 64 and 65 as follows:

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--63. (New) An antisense oligonucleotide consisting of consecutive nucleotides, the nucleotide sequence of which is set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, wherein one or more sugar of the oligonucleotide contain an